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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METROPOLITAN AREA LOCAL ACCESS  
SERVICE SYSTEM

Examiner: N. H. Ngo

**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 18, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.